

# CERES SOCIETY LADIES REBEL AT BEING RULED BY MEN; ASK COURT AID

One Hundred and Fifty Women Try to Oust 18 Masculine Rivals from Jobs.

One hundred and fifty members of the Ceres Ladies' Society have signed a new Declaration of Independence. They want to take care of their own affairs, and the men in the organization have been holding down the offices of the society long enough they say.

The Ceres Ladies' Society was organized about fifty years ago by eleven men. Prominent German names filled the roster. Soon after the eleven men organized, they invited their sweethearts and wives to join. The society had a German name, and when it was incorporated in 1871, an English name was required. Then Ceres Ladies' Society was hit upon.

The men didn't keep up with the women for long. Justice McCall of the Supreme Court, was told, there are 273 women members of the society and only eighteen men. The men make up the Board of Directors and they have managed to hold the principal offices, as they make the nominations. The perpetual office-holding and controlling body is what the women object to. When they proposed an amendment to the by-laws, whereby women should be given a right to sit on the Board of Directors, they declared the president of the Ceres Ladies' Society, Jacob J. Benedict, held that such a proposition was illegal. Attorney Harry Edwards, representing the declaration signers, asked for a writ of mandamus to compel the executive officer to entertain such action.

Attorney G. Meyer appeared as attorney for Benedict and the Board of Directors. Two women members of the society, who are supporting the men in the fight, nodded approvingly at every word their lawyer said.

Attorney Edwards explained that the only women sticking by the men were the wives of members of the Board of Directors. They talked on signing the Declaration of Independence. Attorney Meyer stated the men paid \$5 a year dues, and Attorney Edwards retorted by saying that all the money they pay in goes to themselves as members of the Board of Directors and that it is used for buying "fees" after each meeting.

The society holds its meetings in Terrence Garden, has insurance, and does considerable charitable work.

## LOAN SHARK CRUSADE IS BEGUN BY COURT BY SENDING TWO TO JAIL

Borrower Hounded Till He Had to Leave City, Evidence in One Case Shows.

The Justice of Special Sessions, Manhattan, delivered a body blow to loan sharks to-day, when they imposed prison sentences on two money lenders who have been convicted before them of violating the usury law.

Speaking for his confreres, Justice Arthur C. Simon, in imposing the sentences, said:

"The practice of usury in this State, an imposition on the poor and needy, has got to stop. It is hard enough now for a poor man to pay his just debts, and for him to be compelled to pay an unlawful debt is a crime against not only him, but against the community. We intend to make an example of the defendant in every case of this kind where conviction is had."

The men sentenced were Max Katzman, manager of the Co-operative Building Men's Association at No. 120 Second street, and Louis Totana, a clerk in the employ of Stewart & Company at No. 11 East Forty-second street. Katzman had been convicted of extorting \$100 a six months' loan of \$36. The testimony showed he had hounded the borrower until the latter was compelled to leave the city. Roman received a sentence of three months in the Penitentiary.

Totana charged \$10.00 interest on a loan of \$50 for six months. His counsel advanced the claim that Totana was but a clerk and had no family to support. Assistant District Attorney James M. Smith, who prosecuted the two men, told the court that while it was true Totana was but an employee, for five years he had been engaged in the business. Totana received a sentence of sixty days in the City Prison.

Forger Goes to Prison.  
Edward F. Wallace, convicted of having forged the satisfaction piece for a mortgage, so that he could raise money on a second mortgage, was sentenced to not more than five or less than two and a half years in prison by Justice Crane in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, to-day. Recorder O'Laughlin sent to the Justice a number of forged deeds found in his office which seemed to have been written by the same hand as the forged satisfaction piece, but Wallace denied that they were his work.

SHIPPING NEWS.  
ALMANAC FOR TO-DAY.  
Sun. 7:45. Moon. 10:05.  
THE TIDES.  
Low Water. 11:00. High Water. 1:00.  
Sandy Hook. 11:12. 1:08.  
Brooklyn. 11:12. 1:08.  
Hell Gate. 1:02. 1:48.

PORT OF NEW YORK.  
ARRIVED.  
St. Louis. 11:00. Savannah. 11:00.  
St. Paul. 11:00. St. Petersburg. 11:00.

DEPARTING STEAMSHIPS.  
Due to-day. Liverpool. 11:00.  
Hamburg. 11:00. Bremen. 11:00.  
London. 11:00. Antwerp. 11:00.  
Amsterdam. 11:00. Rotterdam. 11:00.

OUTGOING STEAMSHIPS.  
Sailed to-day. London. 11:00.  
Hamburg. 11:00. Bremen. 11:00.  
Antwerp. 11:00. Rotterdam. 11:00.

# This Is a Wonderful Store for Christmas Shoppers

**Mid-Day Cabaret** Eighth Floor—  
12.15 to 2.45 P.M.  
Miss Corbett and Stanley Warner  
Mr. Fred W. Taylor, Tenor  
Victor Sorlin's Orchestra

**Toys From Every Land. In Our Enlarged Toytown**  
DOLLS, games, mechanical toys, everything old Santa's workshop has produced, can be bought here at lowest prices. Bring the little ones. It will be a real treat for them to visit this toy city of wonders—and parents and buyers of gift things for little tots will delight too in such a showing of inexpensive and substantially made toys conveniently arranged for quick selection.

**Child's \$2 Japanese Tea Sets.**  
with 6 cups and saucers, 6 plates, teapot, sugar and creamer. \$1.49  
\$5 Dandy Automobile

**1.50 Mechanical Train at 98c**  
with track, locomotive, tender, coach and curved track, strong spring.

**1.50 Blackboards**  
Blackboard and writing table, combined, has revolving chart, finished in good strong oak, ideal for little Miss or lad. 98c

Body made of sheet steel, enameled red, striped in gold; rubber wheels; strong. \$3.75  
Simpson Crawford Co., Third Floor. On Sale To-Morrow.

CONVENIENTLY located. Easy to reach from everywhere. Now crowded with the closest to-day stocks. Everything imaginable for the gift giver at the lowest prices that worthy quality merchandise can be sold for. A visit here to-morrow will pay you. Do your shopping as early as possible.

**Simpson Crawford Co.**  
34 Years Leaders of Fashion  
SIXTH AVE. 19TH TO 20TH STREET.  
IN NEW YORK'S SHOPPING CENTER

All Goods Purchased Saturday Will Be Charged to Your December Account

**1,000 Stamped Pillow Tops, Including Backs and Embroidery Silks, at 25c**  
An offer that will last but for a short time. Belding Brothers, noted for their superior makes of embroidery silks, have decided through the medium of Simpson-Crawford Co. to distribute 1,000 stamped Pillow Tops and Backs—six skeins of embroidery silk, also chart of instructions. The six skeins of silk are worth 25c, so all you pay is 1c for the top and back.

**200 Leather Table Skins** At 1.00  
Regularly \$2 to \$2.50, Saturday. Full animal skin. Initials or Monograms burnt free.

**500 Silk Floss Cushions** At 25c  
Regularly 35c to 55c, Saturday. Covered with white cambric and filled with silk floss. Gift Buyers, you will also find a magnificent assortment of all kinds of fancy domestic and imported novelties, which will make useful Holiday Gifts, that are very decorative for bedrooms, etc. Choice of Cretonne Boxes, Cabinets and Baskets. Imported lined and unlined work baskets. Sweet grass baskets, all styles, trimmed and untrimmed pin cushions, as well as dozens of other articles of great interest, displayed throughout this enlarged needlework department. Third Floor.

## Main Floor—Saturday—Holiday Jewelry at Prices That Guarantee a Great Saving

AN early pre-holiday sale arranged to stimulate the selling of all those exclusive and novel Jewelry Gifts that are so scarce when the Christmas shopping rush is on. We direct your special attention to our immense showing of Foreign Jewelry, those novelties from Paris, Vienna, Berlin and Italy, which make such appropriate and acceptable gifts because they are seldom seen outside of the Continental European jewelry shops. Moreover, the very exclusiveness lends a charm that's always admired. To heighten the Saturday selling interest we are going to hold a one-day sale of Diamond Jewelry at prices that will prove a veritable sensation, especially to those who know Diamond jewelry values.

**Sale Diamond Rings**  
Pure white, sparkling Diamond Rings, beautiful and rich Bangle Rings, very effective cluster rings that look so dainty and handsome when worn. A wide and varied selection of cluster rings priced to fit all pocketbooks, and there is not one ring in the lot that would not make a handsome Christmas gift.

\$15.95, \$25, \$39 and \$45  
Others up to \$75.00.  
Diamond Lavallieres—Extremely beautiful and artistic designs, with genuine pearls and a pure white diamond. The prices will prove a revelation at \$10.50 and \$15.95  
Others from \$25 up to \$125.00.

**Women's \$5 to \$10 Watches**  
Sterling silver, plain and colored enamel, real gun metal, gold-filled watches, attached with fancy neck chains.  
\$12.50 20-Year Gold-Filled Watches, 7-jewel Waltham movement, open face, \$7.50  
\$12.00 Gold-Filled

**Watch Bracelet, adjustable extension bracelet, fine jeweled movement, at \$6.95**

**350.00 Bracelet, with 3 diamonds, \$39.50**

**14 Kt. Solid Gold Bangle Bracelet, plain and hand engraved, \$39.50**

**Secret Lock Bracelets, safety catch; plain chased and hand engraved. Regularly \$7.50, at \$6.95**

**Regularly \$10.00, at \$9.95**

**\$25 Secret Lock Bracelet, with 3 brilliant diamonds, \$15.95**

**\$35.00 Bracelet, with 1 diamond, \$21.50**

**\$29.00 Bracelet, with 5 diamonds, \$18.50**

**\$35.00 Bracelet, with 3 diamonds, \$22.75**

**\$90.00 Bracelet, with 5 diamonds, \$57.50**

**10 Kt. Solid Gold Bangle Bracelet, plain and hand engraved, regularly \$5; at \$2.75**

**Children's and Misses' Solid Gold Bracelets; some have real pearls; at \$1.50**

**\$30 Secret Lock Bracelet, with 5 diamonds; \$19.50**

**\$35.00 Bracelet, with 5 diamonds; \$23.00**

**\$45.00 Bracelet, with 5 diamonds; \$29.50**

**\$25.00 Bracelet, with one diamond, \$15.95**

**\$20 Diamond Cuff Buttons.**

**\$10 14K. gold, hand engraved, with a pure white diamond, in particularly attractive, dainty designs.**

**\$10 Diamond Scarf Pins; \$5**

**Decidedly artistic pieces in novel and conventional designs to select from: 14 K. gold, set with genuine diamonds.**

**Diamond Lavallieres \$10 to \$15 Values at \$5.95 and \$7.50**

**Fleur de Lis, Dew Drop, Spider Web design, etc. Each piece is a work of art and each piece is a heavy solid gold. Pendants with chain, set in genuine pearl, many are paved with solid pearl, a few in real sapphires and ruby doublet drops, and each with a pure white sparkling diamond.**

**\$4 to \$7 Sterling Silver Lavallieres at \$1.95 and \$2.95**

**Set in large stones of genuine topaz, amethyst, lapis lazuli, rose quartz, aquamarine and jade. They are simply beautiful. The stones alone are worth twice the price asked for them.**

**Men's \$1.50 & \$1.75 Shirts \$1.20**

THIS is not a lot of odds and ends thrown together at a price, but on account of the needed room for our vast holiday stock we have reduced our regular \$1.50 and \$1.75 shirts. Among them will be found the neatest and latest patterns and colorings of the day. They are made of good grade madras and percale, with plaited and plain bosoms and attached collars; all coat models; all sizes.

**Men's Two-Piece Combination Sets 65c**

A more practical holiday gift we could not suggest. The set consists of a pair of merized silk hose and a silk knitted tie, in contrasting colors. Neatly boxed in a fancy holly box.

**Men's 50c Silk Neckwear, 3 for \$1.00. Each**

It will pay you to purchase these ties now, for at that price they won't last long. There are stripes, cross stripes and bias stripes, in light and dark effects. All are neatly packed in a fancy holly box.

Simpson Crawford Co., Main Floor—On Sale To-Morrow.

**Dainty Boxed Neckwear For Xmas, at 25c, 50c, 75c and 95c**

ENDLESS variety of jabots with and without stocks. Made up of beautiful shadow laces and fine nets, some with chic velvet bows and buttons. Jabots in the new butterfly shapes. Jabots in single or double styles. Jabots in latest cascade effects. Jabots with newest shadow lace stocks. Also new velvet bows, some with rhinestone clasps. Mail Orders Filled.

**Real Lace Neckpieces, one in box. Handsome collars of real Princess, Real Cluny and real Bohemian Lace, special at, each, 50c 75c and 98c**

**Real Irish Lace Collars in the dainty baby or heavy crocheted effects, at \$1.00 \$1.95 \$2.95 and up**

**Real Lace Dress and Coat Sets in Boxes. Handsome Real Cluny and Princess effects in the latest, \$1.50 \$1.95 \$2.50 \$3.50**

**Real Irish lace sets at \$6.50 \$7.95 up**

Wonderful collection Plauen Lace Neckwear. Exquisite copies of Real Venice, Real Bohemian, Real Baby Irish, real heavy Irish Crochet. Dress and Coat Sets, deep collars of newest shapes, Robespierre collars, round collars, etc., in white and ecru, at 50c 95c \$1.45 and \$1.95

Simpson Crawford Co., Main Floor. On Sale To-Morrow.

## Distinctive Winter Millinery

With the Parisian Touch, and Without the High Price

THE smart Tricorne pictured here is edged with white fur and \$12.00 handsome white plume; price.

**We Specialize on Ostrich Trimmed Hats at \$10.00**

And are sure we can give more style, color and richness than can be found anywhere else in town.

**Sale of Beautiful Plumes**

18-inch Ostrich Plumes, very full and wide finest, white, black and \$2.98  
colored special at \$1.98 (each)  
12-inch Ostrich Plumes, (each) 4.48 (as above) 5.50  
12-inch long, white ostrich tips, very wide and showy; at bunch \$1.98

**The Most Wanted Untrimmed Hats**  
With Hatbox's Plush Trim, with long black plush underlining, at \$1.98

**Sale of Manufacturer's Sample Trimmed Hats, at Each**

Because we mark them at those exceedingly little prices, we don't want you to think they are ordinary, stiff trimmed hats—they are all very clever styles.

Simpson Crawford Co., Main and 3d Floor. Sale To-morrow.

## 3 Remarkable Values in Misses' Coats at \$12.50, \$16.50 & \$18.75

WE have arranged a Coat Sale for Saturday that will add prestige to our reputation for unusual values.

**Misses' \$18.75 Winter Coats, 12.50**

Splendid collection of new models, fashioned of superior quality Chinese, loose straight line models, fastening to one side with large ornament or buttoned through with large velvet buttons, all up-to-date collar effects, in sizes for Misses, Juniors and Small Women.

**Misses' \$22.50 Smart Coats, 16.50**

Distinctive models, suitable for dress or general utility wear, made of wool astrachan, chinchilla and soft finished coatings. Included are stunning cut-aways or straight line models, handsomely trimmed with plush or seacote, some partly lined, others lined throughout with satin; sizes 14 to 18 years.

**Misses' \$25.00 Dressy Coats, 18.75**

Beautiful reproductions of late foreign models and of materials strictly original; seven-eighth or full length, embracing all the cleverest features in cut, collar and trimming of velvet plush and self-materials, partly lined or warmly interlined and lined throughout with guaranteed satin; sizes 14 to 18.

**Misses' \$25.00 Winter Suits, 18.75**

Clearance of high-class models, all up-to-date models of late purchase; materials include wide wale, serge, diagonals and suitings, plain tailored or beautifully trimmed styles; sizes for misses, juniors and small women.

**Misses' Tailored Suits—Values to \$21.50**

Clever belted empire or plain tailored style, most effectively trimmed with velvet or self materials; sizes 14 to 18 years.

**Misses' Serge Dresses**

Clever frocks of French or mannish serge, prettily designed trimming effects of satin and Persian taffeta; sizes 14 to 18 years; values to \$15. \$9.75

**Girls' \$10.00 Chinchilla Coats**

Full length, button-to-neck models, with high velvet collar, wool lined; shades are navy, gray and brown; sizes 6 to 14 years. Special \$7.50

**Girls' Dressy Coats, 6 to 8 Year Sizes, at \$3.75, \$5.95, \$7.50 and \$9.75.**

Simpson Crawford Co., Third Floor—On Sale To-Morrow.

## 2500 Fine Winter Overcoats For Men and Youths In This Sale

At Prices That Mean Extraordinary Savings to As Many Men

RUN your eye over these items, come, see the Overcoats—try them on and then you'll agree that they are the banner clothing values of the year.

**\$18 to \$20 Overcoats For Men and Young Men, \$10.50**

Box Coats, Belted Coats, Convertible Collar Coats, Single or Double-Breasted Coats, in Vicunas, Kerseys, Meltons, Velours, Chevots, Cassimers and Fancy Novelties.

**\$25 & \$30 Overcoats For Men and Young Men, \$20.00**

Chinchilla in gray, blue and brown, fringes in Oxford and fancy mixtures, nobly Scotch materials in gray, brown and fancy mixtures, and plain Black Kerseys and Vicunas.

**Finest Overcoats For Men and Young Men, \$25**

They are 50 and 58 inches, in a good selection of grays, browns, black and dark mixtures, hand tailored, with good quality sleeve and body lining, fringes, Scotch cloths, Shetlands, kerseys, also new English models with belted backs.

**Kuppenheimer Famous Suits, Special, \$20**

**\$15 to \$20 Suits, \$10.50**

**\$18 to \$25 Suits, \$14.75**

**Boys' Suits and Overcoats**

**Chinchilla Polo Coats**

Either blue or gray, sizes to fit boys from 4 to 10 years, good quality Chinchilla, lined with flannel, made button-to-the-neck style, cut long with belt all around at \$4.98

**Blue Serge Norfolk Suits**

A heavy weight strictly all wool Navy Blue Serge, in Norfolk style, in ages 6 to 16 years, stylishly cut, pants full cut peg top knickers; lined \$4.98 throughout, at \$4.98

**Novelty Coats for Little Men**

A complete showing of the very newest novelties for the boy from 8 1/2 to 10 years. Chinchilla, Shetlands, Vicunas and Fur Collar Overcoats, on sale at \$3.98, \$4.98, \$5.95 & \$7.95

**Big Boys' Overcoats**

Extra long overcoats, made of all wool material, in grays, browns, tans and dark effects, convertible cut; lar, ages 10 to 17 years; at \$4.98

**High Grade Long Overcoats**

Ages 10 to 17 years, rough fabrics, in the most wanted colors, with either belted back or polo style, belt all \$7.95 around, at \$7.95

Simpson Crawford Co., Sixth Ave., 19th to 20th Street, in New York's Shopping Center.

